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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, LE

SUBJECT: PRIME AND FOREIGN MINISTERS VISIT TO GULF STATES

1. SAW FONMIN NAFFAH BRIEFLY THIS AFTERNOON MAY 31 AND ASKED ABOUT VISIT TO GULF STATES FROM WHENCE HE AND PRIMIN RETURNED LATER YESTERDAY. REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS OF OMPORTANT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GOL DEFENSE EXEPNDITURES. FONMIN WAS VAGUE, NOTWITHSTANDING PRESS REPORTS THAT HAD INDICATED SUCCESS IN ATTAINING SOME TWO BILLION LEBANESE POUNDS OF ASSISTANCE. I ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE HAD OBTAINED VIA KUWAITI AID FRENCH GROUND TO AIR MISSILES, AGAIN AS REPORTED IN PRESS. NAFFAH SAID HE WOULD DESCRIBE HIS SUCCESS ONCE HE SAW THE MILLILES IN LEBANON.

2. NAFFAH THEN SAID THAT THE REAL REASON FOR THE VISIT WAS TO OBTAIN BACKING OF GULF STATES AGAINST  
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IMMODERATE FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS IN LEBANON. IN THIS

AREA HE SAID VISIT HAD BEEN MOST SUCCESSFUL AND ALL THE LEADERS HE SAW CONCURRED IN THE NECESSITY TO BRING PRESSURE ON IRRESPONSIBLE FEDAYEEN ELEMENTS NOT REPEAT NOT TO INDULGE IN TERRORISM. WHEN I ASKED HOW THIS COULD BE DONE, HE SAID THAT MONEY WAS OF COURSE IMPORTANT ELEMENT AND HE BELIEVED THERE WOULD BE NO MORE FUNDS FROM ANY OF THE GULF STATES TO PLO WITHOUT SPECIFIC STRINGS ATTACHED THERETO. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT MANY GULF STATE LEADERS HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY OF UN LELEMENTS ASSISTING IN CONTROLLING LEBANESE-ISRAELI BORDER. NAFFAH WAS ENCOURAGED BY THESE VIEWS. HE INDICATED THAT GOL COULD NOT REPEAT NOT TAKE ANY SUCH INITIATIVE WITHOUT MUSLIM ELEMENTS HERE PROPOSING IT, CHRISTIAN ELEMENTS, PRINCIPALLY RAYMOND EDDE, HAVE BEEN PEDDLING THIS LINE FOR CONSIDERABLE TIME. MUSLIMS WERE VIOLENTLY OPPOSED THERETO AND NAFFAH SAID THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO BLOCK IT. HE THEREFORE IS SEEKING FOREIGN ARAB SUPPORT TO INFLUENCE MUSLIMS HERE. GODLEY

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